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SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF ABDULLAHI FARAH ALI "HOLIF"

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1. ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCE ABDULLAHI FARAH ALI (NICKNAMED "HOLIF," "THE PROUD") REMAINS IN PRISON, PROBABLY AT BAIDOA WHERE GEN. MOHAMED ABSHIR MUSSA AND OTHER PROMINENT PLLITICAL PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONDITIONS IN BAIDOA PRISON ARE REASONABLY GOOD. WE HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OR STATUS OF ABDULLAHI FARAH ALI. PREVENTIVE DETENTION IS LEGAL IN THE SDR.

2. WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCES ABOUT THIS INQUIRY BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME SENSITIVITIES OF THE SIAD REGIME, PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME. THE TRIALS OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE APRIL 9 COUP ATTEMPT ARE STILL IN PROGRESS AND TENSIONS ARE HIGH. THE FACT THAT ABDULLAHI IS A MUJERTAIN, AS ARE MOST OF THE COUP PLOTTERS, DOES NOT BRIGHTEN HIS PROSPECTS FOR EARLY RELEASE.

3. SUBJECT IS FORMER POLICE VICE COMMANDANT AND AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, TANZANIA AND SUDAN AS STATED
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PARA 2, REFTEL. ABDULLAHI, LIKE GEN. MOHAMED ABSHIRE, WAS CONSIDERED UNUSUALLY COMPETENT IN THE POSITIONS HE HELD.
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